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Body searches will continue this weekend and for the rest of the Carnival period

ORANJESTAD -- The Ministry of Public Justice and the Aruba Police Force has informed the community that the police will continue to apply the legal preventive personal body searches; search clothing, pockets, vehicles, bags and handbags. This measure is not new to the Aruban public as the police have used this on more occasions as a control and preventive measure in certain areas. The goal is to as-

certain whether there are illegal drugs or firearms on anyone's person. The measure proved very successful during the past weekend. Various arrests were made with several firearms and drugs confiscated by the police as a result of the body searches!

The police intend to apply the body search measure at the following events:

- the "Hebbe Hebbe"
- the lighting parade in San Nicolaas
- jouvert morning
- Carnival Parade in San Nicolaas
- Carnival Parade in Oranjestad

The police also remind us all that the "faya Bo haya" policy remains in effect, and if it results that the person has an outstanding unpaid traffic fine, the person will be arrested and incarcerated in the KIA jail immediately!



Our Police Force is working diligently to ensure the safety of the general public. They expect the community to understand and cooperate with all efforts by the police to maintain order and tranquility.

Everyone is responsible to do his/her part in contributing to a pleasant and safe Carnival

Korps Politie Aruba is the Aruban Police Force, the official law enforcement agency for the Island of Aruba. It resorts under the Ministry of Justice of the Aruban government.

Aruba Scholarship Foundation publishes Beginning to Das Ende To Commemorate 70th Anniversary of the German Submarine Attack on Aruba.

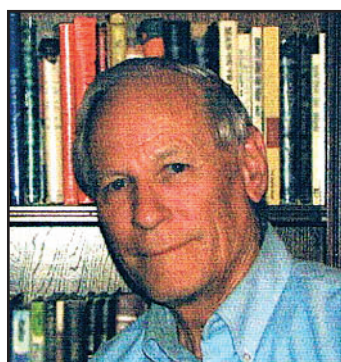
February 16, 1942 was an historic day for Aruba. The German submarine U-156 sank the oil tanker SS Oranjestad and seriously damaged the SS Pedernales in the San Nicolas harbor. Afterwards, it caused much damage to the SS Arkansas at the Eagle refinery dock. Two of its torpedoes missed their target, one of them landing on the beach where it exploded a couple of days later while Dutch demolition experts tried to dismantle it.

To commemorate the 60th anniversary of the event, ten years ago Aruba Scholarship Foundation published "German U-Boat 156 Brought War to Aruba February 16, 1942". This book, authored by Bill

Hochstuhl, describes the attack in much detail and has been frequently quoted about the German submarine warfare.

This week Aruba Scholarship Foundation launches "Beginning to Das Ende" to commemorate the 70th anniversary and to raise highly needed funds for scholarships. This book tells the story of the submarine itself, from October 4, 1941 when it was commissioned, to its sinking (Das Ende) on March 8, 1943.

During this relatively short period, the U-156 made five patrols. The first one was mostly to train the crew. The attack on Aruba took place during the second patrol. In total the U-156 sank 19 ships; the



Stan Norcom

very first one was the SS Oranjestad, the last one was the SS Quebec City on September 19, 1942 during its fourth patrol. Just 50 days into its fifth patrol, an American plane bombed the U-156 to "das ende."

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ELMAR announces main office now open non-stop while celebrating Valentine's Day with their clients



ELMAR, Aruba's distributor of electricity, did not let Valentine's Day pass by unnoticed! Staffers decorated their offices, dressed up in red T-shirts and clients received a special Valentine's Day

treat: heart-shaped cupcakes.

Besides being a day to celebrate love and friendship, February 14th was also the last day to pay this month's bill at Aruba's electricity company; it is a common occurrence for there to be a long queue on the last day of payment. As of February 14th, ELMAR introduced its new opening hours for its main office in Wilhelminastraat. Instead of opening 7:30 am, they will open now at 7:45 am, but will remain open until 4 p.m for non-stop service; as of March 14th 2012 these same hours will be applicable for their Hato branch.

"This is our way to show clients our appreciation" said ELMAR's Customer Relations Manager Wanda Broeksema. "These changes are part of our strategic plan to offer more and better service to our clients. We are convinced that by remaining open non-stop, we are accommodating clients whose lunch breaks are most convenient for them to run out a moment and pay their bills."

"Our clients were very pleased as well for the Valentine's treat as for the change in hours," Broeksema added.

Mission2Brazil info session sparked great interest!

ORANJESTAD -- Last Friday, Aruba Bank together with ATIA organized an "Informative Afternoon" for all Young Entrepreneurs interested in participating in the Mission2 Brazil program. Many of our youth were in attendance in the Young Entrepreneur Center of Aruba Bank Camacuri. They received ample information concerning the Mission2 Brazil project. Many had questions regarding the mission and also regarding the Mission2Brazil competition.

Aruba Bank and ATIA offered extensive information about how to do business with Brazil and about the requirements for participating in the Mission2Brazil project. They outlined the criteria of the Mission2Brazil competition that the judges will evaluate.

Speakers at the informative gathering were: Julia Hoevertsz, Office Manager of ATIA; Shanoule Bikker, Manager Marketing & PR of Aruba Bank; Mayra Janga, Senior Marketing Commercial Credit & Corporate Customer Service of Aruba Bank and Stephen Camacho, Senior Marketing Officer of Aruba Bank. The "Trade Mission2 Brazil" is scheduled to take place in Sao Paulo, Brazil from March 4 to 9, 2012. It is expected that a delegation of more than 20 representatives of Aruba will be part of this Trade Mission2Brazil. The winner of the Young Entrepreneurs competition will join the delegation to Sao Paulo, Brazil. The winner will be able to meet his/her key partners in business in Sao Paulo, and be able to put his/her business plan into action.

An invitation has been extended to all Young Entrepreneurs interested in starting a

business, or who have an existing business for the past three years to participate in the Mission2Brazil contest. This is your opportunity. Present a business plan showing how you would do business with Brazil. Your plan must be submitted before Friday the 17th of February. Apply today at www.mission2brazil.com or visit their Facebook page www.facebook.com/mission2brazil. You may be the lucky winner of this competition!

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ALBO NV to take on first restoration project in San Nicolaas



On Tuesday morning the final phase of the preparations for the restoration of the San Nicolaas Water Tower took place with the opening of the sealed bid offers to do this job.

Aaron Matthew of PlanD2 and Yvonne Webb of the Bureau of Monuments led the session to determine which company presented the best offer.

The San Nicolaas Water Tower, sister building to the one in Oranjes-

tad, will be the very first restoration project in San Nicolaas that the Bureau of Museums is leading.

Engineer Matthew confirmed that all required documents for both ALBO NV and BOHAMA were submitted in sealed envelopes. In the presence of everyone they evaluated the documents submitted.

According to the meeting on Tuesday, the ALBO NV company was the company to have submitted the lowest bid of 2.1 million Florins. Yvonne Webb expressed her confidence that there will be no further delay in the project because of the bid presented by ALBO NV.

The ALBO NV company

also included in their bid that they will complete the renovation program in 10 rather than in 12 months as was stipulated in the Project Dossier. In view of this, they believe that the process for obtaining the permit for the job will take less than 2 weeks.

ALBO has experience with this type of restoration project as they were responsible for the restoration of other historical buildings and were involved in the Ecury and Censes building projects.

Historical buildings and monuments are the property of the Stichting Monumenten fonds. The restoration of the San Nicolaas

Water Tower will be the first monumental building they will undertake in San Nicolaas.

Both the Oranjestad and San Nicolaas Towers were built in 1939 and were completed within a matter of months of each other. The building in San Nicolaas will maintain its original design except for the lower section of the building. This building will not get a new complex on its side as was the case with the Oranjestad building. The addition to the building will be minimal.

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share their enthusiasm for their team with football fanatics around the globe with a special 2 month campaign offering great prizes and a chance to attend a Manchester United game at Old Trafford Stadium in Greater Manchester, England, their home field.

Clive Faustin of Romer Trading announced the campaign at La Bodega in Eagle, the company's principal outlet, and one of the best places to find all twelve varieties of wine with the Casillero Del Diablo label.

The trip to England can only won by registering at the website <http://www.casilleroeldiablo.com/>, and no purchase is necessary. However, buying a bottle of any of the twelve vintages of Casillero Del Diablo wines will award customers with a scratch card for instant wins on some fabulous Manchester United/Casillero Del Diablo logo gear. Quality polo shirts, sports jerseys, warm-up jackets, soccer scarves, hats and sport umbrellas in the famous Manchester black and red can be won with the purchase of a bottle of wine. Winning cards should be redeemed at Romer Trading headquarter located at Schotlandstraat 71.

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Paseo Herencia offered a complete romantic evening for Valentine's Day

Paseo Herencia, Palm Beach's most distinctive dining, shopping and entertainment center, could not ignore such a special day for lovers as Valentine's Day, and so provided a varied and delightful way to enjoy the evening with one's significant other, including a free concert by the talented Live Impressions Trio.

Many selected to enjoy the concert on the Plaza Padu during or after dinner at one of the many varied venues the mall sports for a most delectable and reasonably



Ann and Robert enjoy steak and roses at Maute



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chose Mexican, Italian, Aruban, Continental, Oriental or just a good, old fashioned American hamburger from TGI Friday's, they found great holiday deals, including last minute gifts-in two languages- for their significant others, from several of the shops.

Families and couples admit, the smooth and romantic rhythms of Live Impressions, combined with great dining choices and fun shopping, made an evening at Paseo Herencia a grand finish to Valentine's Day 2012!

by Rosalie Klein



priced devening, including the brand new Maute Grill Steakhouse, which just opened their doors. A romantic dinner for two for Robert and Ann of Aruba included roses, (which were distributed to all the ladies) and a special combo concoction from the chef that offered a sampling of the wide variety of meats on the menu.

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Government negotiating to try to save jobs



ORANJESTAD -- In view of the precarious situation of the SATA Company during these days, and because of the potential consequences for Aruba, the government instituted a commission to deal with the situation. The commission is presided by government Mediator Anselmo Pontilius, with a lawyer of the employees, AAA NV, and the Aruba Investment Bank as financial advisor.

In the past days SATA has been talking to various parties interested in taking over the company. The company requested at least one more week to try to come up with a solution that would benefit all the parties involved. While said negotiations are ongoing, the government was successful in lifting the tax embargo of the company so that employees could be paid their salaries. This obviously was a tremendous relief for the employees, though temporary.

There are serious negotiations taking place with a group that has demonstrated an interest in taking over the company. They have requested one more week to finalize the negotiations.

Everyone hopes that the negotiations will be fruitful so that they can save the many jobs at stake and that the government would be able to ultimately collect the overdue taxes that SATA owes the government.

Get your Game on with Casillero Del Diablo wines and Manchester United campaign

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Clive Faustin models the hat and scarf

Twenty Thousands scratch cards will be distributed at 30 venues around Aruba; the deadline to register to win a trip to a Manchester United home game is May 15. This contest includes the entire Caribbean and awards a trip for two with hotel, airfare, stadium entrance fee and spending money. Romar Trading as the exclusive distributors on Aruba of Casillero Del Diablo wines invite all to discover these devilishly delightful, moderately priced vintages from Chile, and get their game on with the newest member of the Manchester team.

by Rosalie Klein



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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

UN court: Mladic genocide trial set for May 14

THE HAGUE (AFP) - Bosnian Serb ex-army chief Ratko Mladic, who faces charges of genocide, crimes against humanity and war crimes for his role in Bosnia's bloody 1990s conflict, will go on trial in May, a UN court here said yesterday.

"The trial shall commence on Monday, 14 May 2012, with the opening statement of the prosecution," the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia (ICTY) said in a document filed before the court.

This will be followed by an opening statement by the de-

fence, if any, and by Mladic himself, "if he so wishes," the document said.

Mladic, 69, was arrested in May last year in northeastern Serbia for his part in Bosnia's 1992-95 war that claimed more than 100,000 lives. He had been on the run for 16 years.

The man referred to as "The Butcher of Bosnia" faces 11 counts for some of the worst atrocities committed on European soil since World War II.

This included a genocide charge for masterminding the massacre at Srebrenica in July 1995 in which more than 7,000

Muslim men and boys were murdered.

Mladic is also accused in the 44-month siege of Sarajevo that started in May 1992 and claimed an estimated 10,000 lives.

The prosecution said forces under Mladic's command conducted a "campaign of terror" against civilians by shelling and sniping at them.

He is also charged for men under his command taking hostage over 200 UN peacekeepers and military observers, keeping them in strategic positions as protection against NATO airstrikes

World Bank's Zoellick to step down

WASHINGTON (AFP) - World Bank president Robert Zoellick announced yesterday that he would step down at the end of June, setting up a possible new fight over US dominance at the global development lender.

Zoellick, 58, said he would leave at the end of his five-year term, during which he shepherded the Bank and its members through a global economic downturn that, though rooted in the US and European financial crises, had a heavy impact on many of the poorest countries.

His departure sets up the second battle in less than a year over US and European

dominance of the Bank and the International Monetary Fund, the world's two leading multilateral financial institutions.

Thanks to an unwritten pact between European powers and the United States set when the two Washington-based institutions were launched in 1945, all 11 Bank presidents have been Americans, and men, and all IMF managing directors have come from Europe.

After IMF chief Dominique Strauss-Kahn's sudden resignation last May, strong pressure arose from emerging countries to end the cozy US-European deal and to name a non-European to lead the Fund.

Assad sets Syria vote to end near 50-year Baath monopoly

DAMASCUS (AFP) - Syria's president, who is fighting an Arab Spring-inspired revolt, called yesterday a constitutional referendum that would effectively end nearly 50 years of single-party rule, state media said.

A day after rejecting UN allegations of crimes against humanity, Bashar al-Assad called the referendum for February 26, in a move aimed at placating growing global outrage over the bloodshed.

The proposed charter drops Article 8, which declared the ruling Baath Party as the "leader of the state and society," allowing for a multi-party system, state television said.

The president, who must be a Muslim man, can serve a maximum of two seven-year terms, although it is unclear if this would apply to Assad, who is already in his second term.

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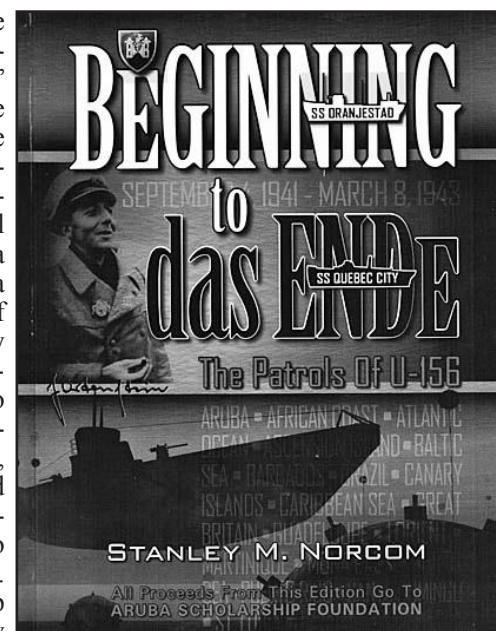
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Stan Norcom, the author of "Beginning to Das Ende" spent his formative years in Aruba. He has done an admirable job researching material for his book. As a good friend and a strong supporter of the work done by the Aruba Scholarship Foundation to help needy and deserving students, Stan has refused any monetary compensation due to him as the author. Aruba Scholarship Foundation is very grateful to Stan for this generous gesture.

The Board of Trustees of the Aruba Scholarship Foundation is making the necessary arrangements to make the book available at all bookstores on the island, but in the meantime "Beginning to Das Ende" can be obtained for the price of \$20 or Afls 35 from any one of the Trustees. Brian Marchena (brianmarchena@hotmail.com) is the coordina-

tor of the marketing project.

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UN leader urges 'maximum restraint' in Bahrain

UNITED NATIONS (AFP) - UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon expressed concern yesterday over recent violence between security forces and demonstrators in Bahrain, urging authorities there to exercise "maximum restraint."

"The secretary-general is concerned about reports of clashes in Bahrain between security forces and demonstrators over the past few days," Ban said in a statement issued through his office.

"He calls on all parties to exercise maximum restraint and expects the Bahraini au-

thorities to act in accordance with their international human rights obligations."

In the statement, the UN leader called for "a genuine, all-inclusive and meaningful dialogue that meets the legitimate aspirations of all Bahrainis," which he said would "promote peace and stability in the country."

Ban issued his statement as fresh unrest broke out in the kingdom, where police yesterday fired tear gas and birdshot at pro-democracy protesters, in clashes marking the first anniversary of a Shiite-led uprising.

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Honduras prison fire kills 272 inmates

COMAYAGUA (AFP) - A fire swept through a Honduran prison killing at least 272 inmates, officials said yesterday, warning the toll could rise with many inmates left trapped in their cells by the fierce inferno.

Survivors described wrenching scenes of inmates clutching each other in desperation while being engulfed by choking smoke and flames, in what is the world's deadliest prison blaze in a decade.

"They tried to save themselves by hurling themselves into the shower, sinks" and any other source of water they could find, one survivor said.

"We are pulling out bodies," said prison director Danilo Orellana. "The situation is serious. Most have asphyxiated."

Witnesses said some of the inmates escaped by jumping from the prison rooftop, and there were reports that some had fled the crowded facility and were on the loose.

Officials were unclear about the cause, at first surmising that the blaze was sparked by a short circuit. But later they did not rule that the fire might have been deliberately set by inmates.

The inferno broke out at around 10:50 pm Tuesday, and took about three hours to bring under control.

Hundreds of distraught relatives who gathered outside

the jail -- frustrated at being left in the dark about the fate of their loved ones -- clashed with police and then stormed the prison gates early yesterday.

Some 300 men, women and children rushed through the gates of the prison in the central town of Comayagua when police withdrew in face of the crowd.

President Porfirio Lobo announced he was suspending the officials who ran the prison while an investigation was underway into what caused the blaze, which he called "a lamentable and unacceptable tragedy."

Photos published by local media showed grisly images of charred bodies scattered throughout the corridors of the fire-ravaged facility.

Honduran officials said the number of dead could surpass 300, and that of the more than 850 inmates housed in the prison, 357 were still unaccounted for, although they noted some might have escaped during the fire.

The prison, located some 90 kilometers (56 miles) north of the capital city of Tegucigalpa, held almost double its official inmate capacity.

The director of the Organization of American States said yesterday he was sending a delegation to Honduras to investigate the cause.

Iran unveils nuclear progress, defying US-EU pressure

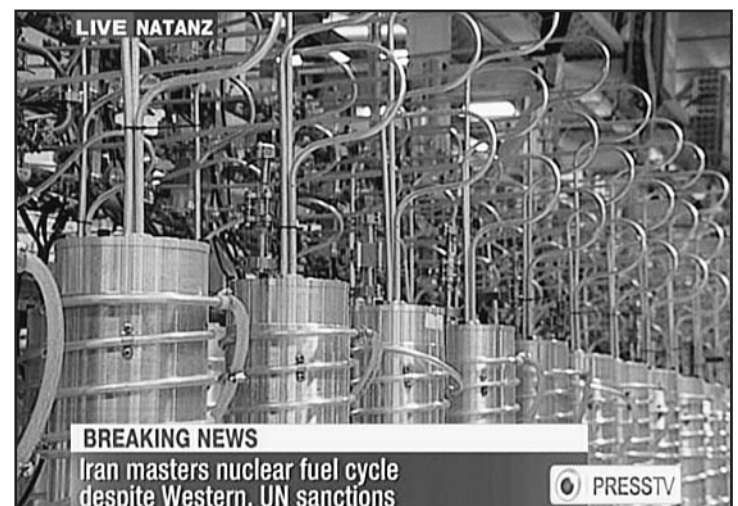
TEHRAN (AFP) - Iran announced new strides in its nuclear program yesterday in a defiant blow to US and EU pressure to rein in its atomic activities, and amid signs of an increasingly vicious covert war with Israel over the issue.

President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad unveiled on state television what was described as Iran's first domestically produced, 20-percent enriched nuclear fuel for Tehran's research reactor.

He said 3,000 more centrifuges had been added to his country's uranium enrichment effort, and officials said new-generation, high-capacity centrifuges had been installed in Iran's Natanz facility.

And he ordered Iran to "go build" four more nuclear research reactors.

Iran's Atomic Energy Organisation chief Fereydoon Abbasi Davani also said that



An image grab taken from yesterday's broadcast on the state-run Press TV shows centrifuges at Iran's Natanz nuclear site. (AFP PHOTO)

uranium exploration in Iran had been stepped up and a new yellowcake processing factory would be "pre-launched" sometime over the next 13 months.

The developments underlined Tehran's determination to

forge ahead with nuclear activities despite tough sanctions from the West -- and despite speculation that Israel or the United States could be months from launching military strikes against Iran.



ISRAEL, EILAT : A general view shows a new border fence under construction along Israel's border with Egypt near the Red Sea resort town of Eilat on February 15, 2012. Far from the uproar of Cairo's Tahrir Square, Israel has been doubling its efforts to erect a giant, impenetrable security barrier along its 240-kilometre (150-mile) border with the Egyptian Sinai. (AFP PHOTO)

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Smoke-free laws lead to less smoking at home



(AFP) - Anti-tobacco laws in several European countries prompted many smokers to ban smoking at home and to cut their cigarette consumption, according to a study reported in the journal Tobacco Control on Tuesday.

Doctors pored over a survey into smoking habits in France, Germany, Ireland and the Netherlands, both before and after bans on smoking in the workplace, restaurants and bars took effect in the last decade.

The trends in those countries were compared with Britain, which at the time did not have smoke-free legislation.

After the laws took effect, the percentage of smokers who banned all smoking at home rose by 17 percent in France, 25 percent in Ireland, 28 percent in the Netherlands and 38 percent in Germany, the study found.

The overall number of cigarettes that an individual

smoked each day also fell "significantly" in Ireland, Germany and the Netherlands, but not in France.

The authors, led by Ute Mons of the German Cancer Research Centre in Heidelberg, say the findings rebut those who claimed banning smoking in public places would simply shift the habit to the home, exposing family members to dangerous second-hand smoke.

In fact, the new laws prompted many smokers to ban smoking at home, especially if they had already been mulling an intention to kick the habit, supported smoke-free legislation or had a young child exposed to passive smoke.

"Our findings strongly support the premise that smoke-free legislation does not lead to more smoking in smokers' homes," says the paper.

"The data suggest rather that smoke-free legislation may stimulate smokers to establish total smoking bans in their own home."

The research was based on responses from 4,634 smokers in the four countries and 1,080 in Britain. The British results came from across the United Kingdom except Scotland.

Malnutrition 'puts 450m children at risk of stunting'

(AFP) - About 450 million children will be physically and mentally stunted over the next 15 years unless the world takes action to tackle malnutrition, a report from Save the Children warned this week.

Every hour, 300 children die due to a lack of nutrients in their diet, while those who survive are permanently damaged in a way that impacts on their lives and the economic prospects of their countries, the British charity said.

The problem has become urgent due to volatile food prices, economic uncertainty, climate change and demographic shifts.

In Asia, for example, where 100 million children are stunted, the report predicts that climatic changes to food yields will result in seven million more stunted children by 2050.

Save the Children said there were some straightforward remedies, including fortifying foods with vitamins and minerals and promoting breastfeeding.

A child's body adapts to the long-term lack of nutrients by giving priority to the needs of vital organs and functions rather than to physical or cognitive growth -- and the damage is largely irreversible.

Malnourished children are more susceptible to disease and the report estimates that in countries where the problem is worst, malnutrition is

the underlying cause for a majority of deaths by diarrhoea, malaria and pneumonia.

In countries where half the

world's malnourished children live, one in six parents also said that their children were skipping school to work for food.



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Indian village relocated to protect tigers



(AFP) - An entire village inside a north Indian nature reserve has been moved to make more room for local tigers in a bid to protect the country's dwindling big cat population, an official said Wednesday.

The village of Umri was relocated from Rajasthan state's Sariska tiger reserve last week, according to R.S. Shekhawat, the field director

of the national park.

"The process took place with the cooperation of the families. It will help in securing a proper habitat for big cats, so both the governments of the state and the centre (federal government) are working in this direction," he told AFP.

He said the authorities compensated the affected families with either a lump sum

payment of 1 million rupees (\$20,274) or a combination of land and cash to build their new homes.

India is home to half of the world's rapidly shrinking wild tiger population but has been struggling to halt the big cat's decline in the face of poachers, international smuggling networks and loss of habitat.

The Sariska national park is in the Aravalli mountain range and located about 167 kilometres (104 miles) from the national capital New Delhi.

Currently home to just five tigers, officials in the desert park are working on relocating more villagers in the months ahead, Shekhawat said.

"We expect to relocate all families in different villages inside the reserve by 2013," he said.

India has employed a series of measures recently to stem the decline in the number of tigers.

Last month officials announced that armed commandos would be deployed in the jungles of southern India to prevent poachers from capturing and killing the big cats.

India has seen its tiger population plummet from an estimated 40,000 animals in 1947, when it gained independence from British colonial rule, to just 1,706 in 2011.

Sci-Tech

Worldwide mobile data traffic to rocket: Cisco

(AFP) - The amount of data sent to or from mobile gadgets around the world annually will rocket to hit the equivalent of 33 billion full-length DVD films by the year 2016, computer networking titan Cisco forecast on Tuesday.

Worldwide mobile data traffic will increase 18-fold in the coming five years to an annual rate of 130 exabytes - the equivalent of 4.3 quadrillion digital songs or about 813 quadrillion text messages.

The surge in wireless data traffic will be due, in part, to an explosion in the number of "connected devices," accord-

ing to Cisco.

The California-based firm forecast that the number of gadgets linked wirelessly to the Internet would exceed the number of people on Earth in the year 2016.

Another factor will be the popularity of streaming music and videos to increasingly sophisticated mobile devices.

Africa and the Middle East were expected to have the fastest regional growth rates for mobile data traffic, followed by the Asia-Pacific and then Central and Eastern Europe.

Firm in Apple row seeks to ban China iPad imports

(AFP) - An electronics firm embroiled in a copyright row with Apple said Tuesday it would ask Chinese customs to block iPad imports, as two cities pulled the tablet computers from some shops over the dispute.

ProviewTechnology (Shenzhen) says it owns the Chinese rights for the name "iPad" and is preparing to ask customs to prevent Apple from bringing the iconic tablet computers into China -- one of the US company's biggest markets.

Apple last year took the firm to a Chinese court, claiming trademark infringement, but the court unexpectedly rejected the case over lack of evidence.

ProviewTechnology (Shenzhen) is owned by a Taiwanese company that registered the trademark name "iPad" in several countries in-

cluding China as early as 2000 -- years before Apple began selling the product.

The US giant subsequently bought the rights for the global trademark, but Proview claims it retained the Chinese rights.

Apple said it was the rightful owner of the trademark.

The firm had lodged complaints in more than 10 cities across China after Apple lost the case in December.

However, the iPad -- which was officially launched in mainland China in September 2010 -- remains on sale across the nation's five Apple stores, electronics retailers and through some on-line shopping sites.

The craze for all things Apple in China has triggered widespread cloning of iPhones and iPads over the years.

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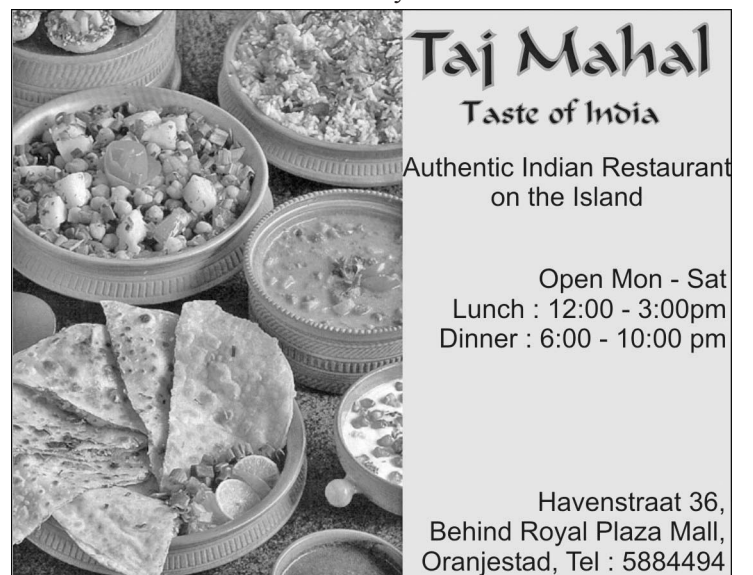


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20. "The ___ of the Road" (Barth)
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22. Showy and cheap
24. Pinnacle
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34. Part of TLC
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36. Came to rest
37. Preserved
38. Parts of a backgammon set
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40. Not new
41. Love, to Leonardo
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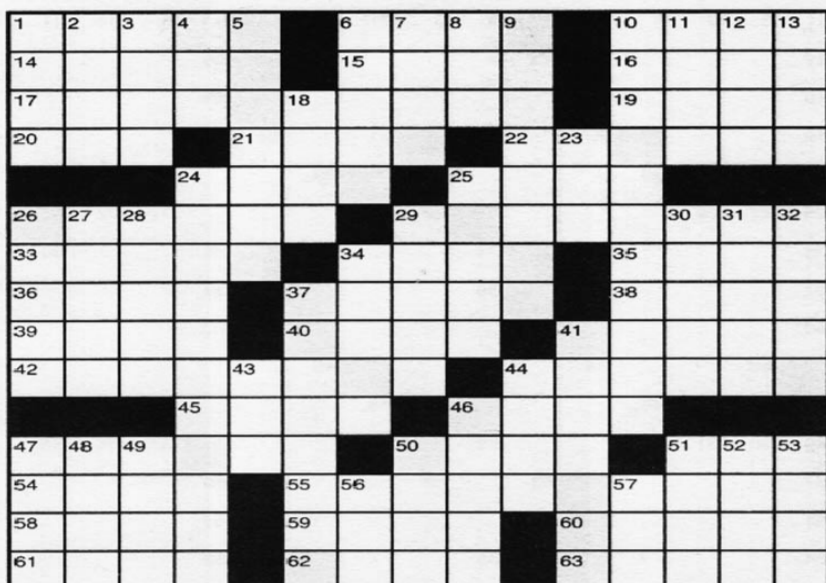
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12. Shebat's follower
13. Electronics name
18. Purrs
23. Fabled symbol of industry
24. Beyond stuffed
25. Exposed
26. Morass
27. More ashen
28. Sambuca flavoring
29. Surrenders, slangily
30. Hunter slain by Diana
31. Mother-of-pearl
32. Smirk scornfully

HOW MUCH?

34. Listings in playbills
37. Caped hero
41. Deliver goods by parachute
43. Flightless bird
44. Bowery bum
46. "If" and "Jabberwocky"
47. Woman's wear in Baghdad
48. One opposed
49. English gun
50. Strut one's stuff
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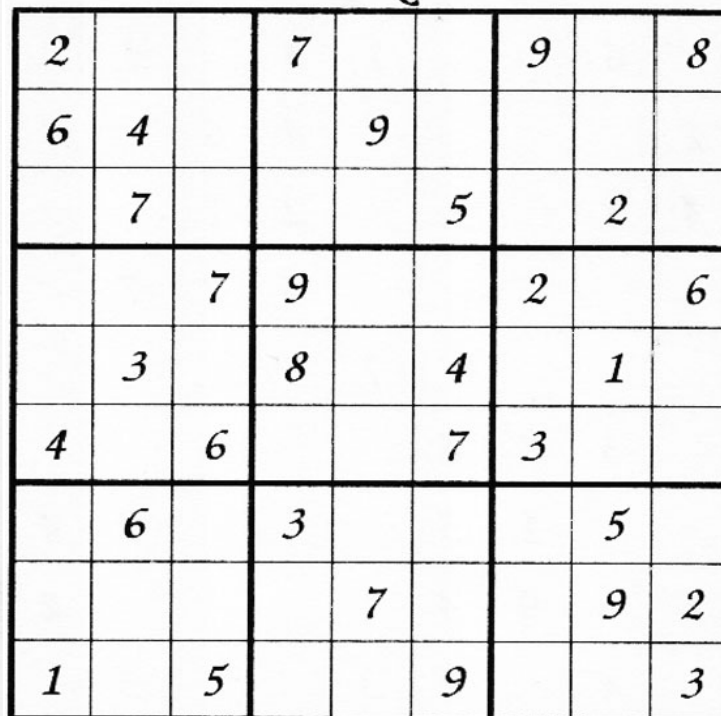
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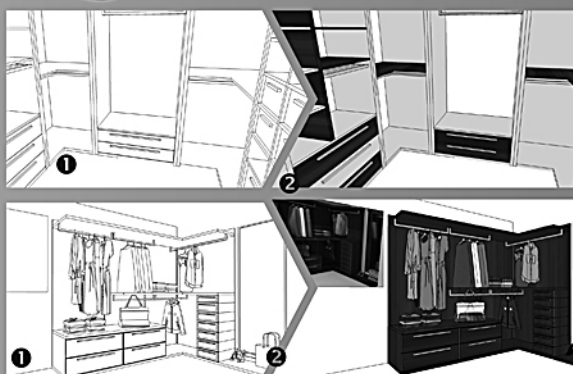
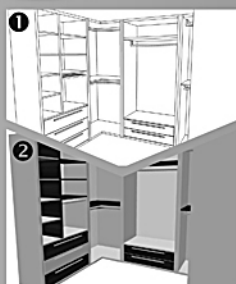
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Finance

Brazil announces nearly \$32 bn in cuts to 2012 budget

BRASILIA (AFP) - Brazil's government yesterday announced nearly \$32 billion in spending cuts to its 2012 budget but said social programs and major investments for the 2014 World Cup and 2016 summer Olympics would not be affected.

The cuts aim to ensure that Brazil can meet its target of a budget surplus of \$81 billion.

"We have made a big cut of 55 billion reals (nearly \$32 billion)" in budget expenditures, Finance Minister Guido Mantega told a press conference.

"The increase in investment is the engine of growth in Brazil," added Mantega, who also insisted that "social programs would be strengthened."

The cuts announced yesterday are higher than the \$30 billion slashed last year just after President Dilma Rousseff took office.

For 2012, the government is banking on five percent GDP growth, to be fueled by tax rebates, industry incentives as well as a cut in interest rates, in addition to an increase in the minimum wage on January 1 to the equivalent of \$332 per month from \$294.

Brazil registered zero GDP growth in the third quarter of 2011 compared to the second quarter, official statistics showed.

And the Brazilian Institute of Geography and Statistics reported in early December that the economy had grown just 3.7 percent in the last 12 months.

Kellogg to swallow Pringles for \$2.7 billion

Kellogg Co agreed to swallow Pringles potato chips for \$2.7 billion in a cash deal that makes the cereal company second only to PepsiCo Inc in the global snack food market.

The transaction also marks the final exit of household products maker Procter & Gamble Co from the food business after its earlier deal to sell Pringles to Diamond Foods Inc fell apart.

The deal was gobbled up on Wall Street. Shares of Kellogg, whose snack brands already include Keebler cookies, Cheez-It crackers and Kashi snack bars, rose as much as 6 percent to their highest level since early November, when the company posted disappointing results and cut its 2011 earnings out-

look.

Adding Pringles will nearly triple the size of Kellogg's international snack business, pushing snacks to a point where they will account for as much of total revenue as Kellogg's well-known cereal business -- the world's largest, with brands like Special K and Rice Krispies.

P&G had agreed to sell Pringles to Diamond Foods last year, but that deal became "no longer feasible," according to P&G Chief Executive Bob McDonald, following the discovery of improper accounting at Diamond that led the snacks company to replace its chief executive and finance chief. The U.S. government is looking into Diamond's accounting practices.

Diamond said yesterday that it does not have to pay any break-up fee on the aborted Pringles deal, and its shares rose nearly 6 percent.

Pringles is the fourth-largest maker of sweet and savory snacks in the world, behind PepsiCo's Lay's, Doritos and Cheetos, according to Euromonitor International. In the United States, it ranks eighth.

The companies expect the deal to close by this summer.

Juncker: Eurozone can take decisions on Greece Monday

BRUSSELS (AFP) - Eurozone finance ministers will be set to take "all the necessary decisions" on Greece Monday after Athens met conditions for a bailout, the Eurogroup chief said yesterday.

"I am confident that the Eurogroup will be able to take all the necessary decisions on Monday," Luxembourg Prime Minister Jean-Claude Juncker, head of the group of eurozone finance ministers, said in a statement.

Juncker said after a conference call between the 17 finance ministers that "substantial further progress" had been made since Tuesday, when eurozone partners were still waiting for Athens to fulfill the conditions.

Greek political leaders were told to deliver a letter pledging to implement budget cuts and economic reforms even after April elections and find another 325 million euros in cuts.

The ministers were also waiting for a report from the troika of EU, IMF and European Central Bank auditors on the sustainability of Greece's debt under the 230-billion-euro (\$300-billion) rescue package.

"First, we received the strong assurances provided

by the leaders of the two coalition parties in Greece's government," Juncker said.

"Second, the Troika finalized and presented its analysis on the sustainability of Greece's public debt.

"Third, further technical work between Greece and the troika has led to the identification of the required additional consolidation measures of 325 million euros and the establishment of a detailed list of prior actions together with a timeline for their implementation."

YESTERDAY'S Crossword Answer



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Britain	GBP	2.73	2.78	2.84
Switzerland	CHF	192.99	193.71	194.51
Netherlands	EUR	231.07	233.18	235.52
Sweden	SEK	25.55	26.27	27.07
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Romance and fine dining make a fine match at Amuse Bistro



Alfredo serves Carol and Rich from Pittsburgh



Susan and Phil from Atlanta



Joseph and Nigar from Canada

Possibly the most popular night of the year for dining out, Valentine's Day calls for something special and particularly memorable, and many couples choose the original and innovative menu at Amuse Bistro in the Playa Linda Resort for the evening.

Not only does it offer intimate, al fresco surroundings, but devoted patrons like Susan and Phil Fauver from Atlanta, and Joseph and Nigar from Canada, remarked the Owner and Chef Patrick's innovative

menu absolutely cannot be beat, and merits several visits during their vacation. Add to that a special deal for Valentine's Day on a bottle of champagne, and you have a winner when choosing the place to have this holiday dinner. "Patrick is so creative in all the dishes he prepares," commented Phil, "we knew this is where we had to come for Valentine's Day."

Newcomers Carol and Rich from Pittsburgh agreed. "I don't usually like a sauce with my steak," observed Rich, "but this was exceptional; we passed by the restaurant a number of times and found it quite intriguing. We are certainly pleased we made it our choice for Valentine's Day."

Patrick and his charming wife Ivette were very pleased to see how many repeat patrons had made Amuse Bistro their choice for a romantic evening, and it was their great pleasure to share the holiday with these welcome guests.

by Rosalie Klein

Frankie and family at Le Petit Cafe welcome old friends and newcomers for Valentine's Day

The advantage of having established a loyal clientele after a successful 25 years, means that holidays result in warm, wonderful reunions with those that have gone beyond being merely patrons for Frankie, owner of Le Petit Café, his daughter, Maria Louise, who runs the Palm Beach restaurant and son Boeli, the chef.

The famous restaurant located in front of the Playa Linda Resort was filled to capacity on Valentine's Day, as the décor suggests the charming ambiance of an old-time European town square, along with the restaurant's famous trademark, food cooking on a lava stone serving platter until the customer decides it is sufficiently done.

Long-time and loyal guests were greeted with hugs and kisses. Newcomers, such as Enriquillo and Geraldine who live on Aruba, were very pleased with their choice for a romantic dinner, as well. "I left the choice to her," commented Enriquillo, and Geraldine admitted that in all her life on Aruba, she had never tried Le Petit Café, but had always wanted to dine there, and Valentine's Day offered the perfect opportunity; they were not disappointed with their decision in the least.

Glenn and Jeanette, also native islanders, agreed their surf and turf combos were just what Cupid would require for a tasty, cozy, dinner for two. Add an exotic cocktail with a rosy pink color, such as a Chi-chi, and you have the perfect recipe for a special Valentine's Day dinner!

by Rosalie Klein



Glenn and Jeanette



Enriquillo and Geraldine



A warm welcome for dear friends



Frankie with daughter Maria Louise and son Boeli

Regional gourmet dining is highly affordable at Scabeche



Fresh Grouper in Scabeche Sauce

THE MORNING NEWS taste-testing team had a very, very pleasant surprise when stopping by the newly

met eatery, Chez Mathilde, but has now realized her long-time dream of welcoming and befriending patrons



Frutti di Mare Creole in Casserole

rechristened Scabeche, located in the Caribbean Palm Villas Resort. Veteran visitors will be pleased to become

in her own charming venue. Anky has completely remodeled the lovely space within the resort, which is



Steak Tika

reacquainted with Anky, who they will recognise from her years with Aruba's top gour-

just a short walk from the Palm Beach resort area, to create a delightful ambiance

and menu reflecting her great enthusiasm for fine food and quality service. Open for breakfast, lunch and dinner, after only one year they are receiving rave reviews under the original name, Caribbean Palm Restaurant. Sca-beche is homage to the unique regional cooking which is their specialty, native to Peru and other Latin countries, but with a distinctly Caribbean flavor.

We absolutely must rave about their signature dish, Catch of the Day Escabeche, moist and fresh; we had grouper in a singular sauce that has us ready to go back ASAP for another helping. We also sampled the Shrimp and Scallops appetizer and the Ceviche Aruban Style, as well as the Fruitti di Mare en Casserole, and recommend each of them highly. Scabeche is heaven for seafood lovers, but landlubbers will also be extremely pleased with the Tenderloin Tika, a HUGE steak skewer with loads of fresh vegetables.

Aside from their extremely pleasing and affordable regular menu, each night features some distinctive specialty. Monday is Carnival, with a show, Tuesday is Italian night, including a free Caesar salad, Wednesday is All You Can Eat BBQ Ribs for only \$19.95 and Thursday is Karaoke Party night with famed island entertainer Lloyd Baptiste, which features 2 for 1 drinks with free snacks from 8 to 10 p.m.

Scabeche is a welcome addition to the Palm Beach roster of restaurants and definitely deserves discovering. Diners will love the tranquil setting, excellent and friendly service, along with a very reasonably priced menu featuring several distinctive and delectable dishes.

Closed on Fridays, they also feature 2 for 1 Happy Hours 3 times a day from noon to 1 p.m., 3 to 5 p.m. and 9 to 10 p.m., tempting you to linger over a liqueur after your dinner.



Are we having fun yet? All ages will enjoy Flowrider and Fun City

How many parents chasing after their little ones while on vacation have had that phrase cross their minds? "Are WE having fun yet?" Watching out for the kids on vacation and keeping them entertained can make many a parent wonder if the trip was worth it, but now

by Fun City has baby rides, video games and air hockey scaled to pint-sized players and a rock climbing wall and other fun for teenagers.

For a fee of \$20 per hour, parents can rest assured their youngsters are well cared for and having a great time in a se-



Learning activities to stimulate young minds

there is an all encompassing answer at Palm Beach Plaza Shopping Mall that will provide hours of exciting entertainment for all ages and peace of mind for anxious parents.

The Flowrider/ Fun City complex in Palm Beach takes up the area of a full size resort and offers great activities at reasonable prices for every member of the family. Everyone will love spending time in the only Flowrider surfing environment in the Caribbean, while parents can leave their youngest at Fun City under careful security and supervision to relax and enjoy a bit of shopping, or a delightful dinner for just the two of them.

Fun City offers 3 age-appropriate environments for youngsters from 1 year to 12, with trained group leaders seeing to all the children's needs and pro-

are provided a beeper so they may be summoned at anytime, if necessary. Couples are then free to relax



and enjoy Palm Beach's many grown-up attractions, such as shopping and fine dining, with peace of mind.

Fun City provides two great environments for the family to share some quality time, Laser Tag and Desperado, a "5-Dimensional" interactive entertainment experience that will delight the young and the young at heart; an absolute



Share the fun on Flowrider

viding educational fun for the little ones. There is the Baby Gym for ages 3 or 4 and Comfyland for kids up to 10, which was named "Best Playground of 2010" by the International Association of Amusement Parks and Attractions; both provide great ways for energetic young bodies to get a workout while also being guided through learning entertainment.

Another section of the third floor of the shopping center run

bargain at only \$5 for either adventure. If you want to organize a unique and thrilling birthday party, the complex offers terrific packages that will make it an event to remember at a reasonable price.

All the family will find Flowrider and Fun City adding an exciting new aspect to their Aruba vacation and now you have an answer when you teenagers ask "Are we having fun yet?"

SPORTS

Football: Messi happy to put Barca on verge of last eight

LEVERKUSEN (AFP) - Superstar Lionel Messi admitted he was relieved to leave here with the 3-1 win over Bayer Leverkusen which puts Barcelona on the verge of the Champions League quarter-finals after the Round of 16, first-leg clash.

Holders Barcelona took a giant step towards the last eight on Tuesday with a convincing win following a slow start as maestro Messi put in an impressive display after a quiet first half in this David versus Goliath clash.

Goals either side of half-time from Chile's Alexis Sanchez put Barcelona into the

lead before Messi claimed a late strike after converting a Dani Alves cross having initially set the Brazil defender free.

After Czech Republic defender Michal Kadlec had put Leverkusen level with a well-timed header at the start of the second-half, the hosts squandered chances to earn a draw before Messi's 88th-minute goal put the result beyond doubt.

"It was important for us to win this match, because under Pep (Guardiola the coach) we have never won the first match in the Round of 16," said Messi ahead of the return leg at the Nou Camp on March 7.

It was Messi's defence-splitting pass which led to the first goal as Alves and Sanchez sprinted side by side after the ball and it was the Chilean who arrived first to fire past Leverkusen goalkeeper Bernd Leno on 41 minutes.

Despite a plucky display by the hosts, Barcelona simply had too much quality in their ranks to be held up by the Germans.

Despite Barcelona dominating possession, Leverkusen fought until the final whistle and coach Robin Dutt praised his team, who have now won just one of their last eight games.

Tennis: Berdych, Del Potro win in Rotterdam

ROTTERDAM (AFP) - Tomas Berdych overpowered his Czech Davis Cup teammate Lukas Rosol 6-4, 6-2 on Wednesday to start his campaign at the ATP Rotterdam Open with a win.

Both Berdych and Rosol won singles ties at the weekend as they helped their country into the Davis quarter-finals and a date with Serbia. But Berdych, seeded second, showed his clear superiority in the clash between countrymen.

"I'm satisfied," the number seven said after advancing in an hour and a quarter with ten aces and three breaks of serve as the pair met for the first time. "It was indoors but still a tough transition from Davis Cup.

"Our court was much faster with lower bounce. I didn't really have much time to train here. but I coped with it pretty well. I was able to find my rhythm quite fast and was able to play my game."

Third seed Juan Del Potro made a winning debut as he played the event for the first time as he put out 2008 champion Michael Llodra 6-4, 6-7 (3/7), 6-4.

The Frenchman, ranked 47th, was fighting jet-leg after flying in from France's 4-1 Davis Cup victory at the weekend over Canada in Vancouver, nine time zones away.

The last member of the elite was going into opening action later, with top seed Roger Federer stepping onto court at the Ahoy stadium for the first time

since winning the 2005 title to take on Frenchman Nicolas Mahut.

Del Potro admitted he had trouble closing out victory. "I was nervous in the last game," said the South American who returned to the ATP Top 10 after reaching an Australian Open quarter-final which he lost to Roger Federer.

"I'm really pleased to have won in my first match here," he said after advancing in nearly two and a half hours.

In other first round results, Marcos Baghdatis beat German Matthias Bachinger 7-6 (7/2), 6-2 while Russian Alex Bogomolov advanced as Sergiy Stakhovsky quit injured trailing 6-3, 0-1.

Slovak Karol Beck beat Germany's Philipp Petzschner 7-6 (8/6), 6-3.

Cricket: Cancer-hit Yuvraj gets Armstrong boost

NEW DELHI (AFP) - India's cancer-stricken World Cup star Yuvraj Singh said Wednesday he was inspired after getting a message from US cycling legend Lance Armstrong wishing him a speedy recovery.

"Message from @lancearmstrong makes me feel better! Thank you lance means a lot hope we can meet," tweeted

Yuvraj, who is undergoing chemotherapy in the United States for a malignant tumour located between his lungs.

The ace all-rounder, named man of the tournament after India's World Cup win in April last year, already said he had been drawing inspiration from Armstrong, who overcame testicular cancer to win the Tour de France seven times.

A photo of the message, posted on Yuvraj's twitter account, read: "Yuvi, I want you to know that the entire LIVE-STRONG team is here for you.

"We say it all the time, and truly believe in it: Knowledge is power, Unity is strength, and Attitude is everything. Please know that we are here to help you and your family in

any way possible. Go Yuvi!! Livestrong."

Yuvraj had earlier tweeted that he was reading Armstrong's book "It's Not About The Bike", saying: "I'm sure the book will motivate me and pull me through this difficult time."

He had a dream run in the World Cup, scoring 362 runs and grabbing 15 wickets in nine matches. He has not played competitive cricket since taking part in two of three home Tests against the West Indies in November.

Yuvraj has so far scored 8,051 runs in 274 one-dayers and 1,775 runs in 37 Tests since making his international debut in 2000.



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Football: Frustrated Maradona complains of persecution



ROME (AFP) - Argentina legend Diego Maradona on Wednesday said he would love to coach his former club Napoli but an ongoing wrangle with the Italian authorities over unpaid tax is preventing his return.

Maradona's seven-year spell in Italy saw him attain demi-god status for Napoli fans after he helped the club to Serie A wins in 1987 and 1990.

But he walked away from the country with an unpaid tax bill and now owes 37.2 million euros.

"Every time I set foot in Italy I feel persecuted, whenever I return I have a horrible feeling," he told the Corriere

dello Sport newspaper in an interview.

"I've had it with the Italian taxman who's made me feel like a thief, a cheat," added the man whose famous "Hand of God" goal helped Argentina defeat England in the quarter-finals of the 1986 World Cup in Mexico.

"I've never stolen anything from Italy or Italians, all I did was give them joy and pleasure on the pitch," he was quoted as saying.

The 51-year-old, now coaching Emirati club Al-Wasl, owes 13.7 million euros in unpaid tax with another 23.5 million euros in interest and fines.

Maradona, however, insisted that he was not responsible for payment, describing himself as "the victim, not the culprit".

"In Italy I've become the symbol of tax evasion, that's an injustice," he added.

On previous visits to Italy, Maradona has had watches and earrings seized and auctioned to pay off some of his debt.

"I know I'm not the only person in Italy who feels persecuted by the tax office but I don't know if the others had a watch taken from their wrist or a diamond from their ear," he complained.

Maradona said that if his debt can be wiped out, he would like to return to work in Italy.

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NBA: Lin lifts Knicks to dramatic win over Raptors

TORONTO (AFP) - Jeremy Lin scored a game-high 27 points and a career-high 11 assists as the New York Knicks extended their win streak by rallying in the fourth quarter to beat Toronto 90-87 on Tuesday.

Lin scored the game-winning three pointer with half a second left in the fourth for the Knicks, who have won six consecutive games.

Lin also surpassed Shaquille O'Neal's league record for the most points in his first five games as a starter. Lin has 136 points over that span, compared with O'Neal's 129.

"I just wanted to make sure I got a good shot at the end of the clock," Lin said. "We had so many active hands. Everybody with deflections, rebounds and we clamped it down."

Lin got off to a slow start Tuesday but picked it up in the

second half.

New York's Amare Stoudemire had 21 points and nine rebounds in his first game back after missing four consecutive following the death of his brother.

The point guard Lin has carried the Knicks during the win streak. He had a career-best 38 points against the Los Angeles Lakers and followed it up with a 20-point performance in a 100-98 win over the Minnesota Timberwolves.

Jose Calderon scored 25 points, nine assists, and seven rebounds for the Raptors, who beat the Knicks earlier in the year and have won 11 of their last 15 at home in this series.

Toronto's Rasual Butler tried a last-second three pointer but it fell short giving the Knicks the win.

"The guy has heart," Stoudemire said. "He played

with such courage out there. I was amazed and am still somewhat amazed by the way he's playing."

New York trailed by 12 points early in the fourth quarter and by nine with just under four minutes remaining. The Knicks were also behind by three with just over one minute left in the fourth.

"I'm thankful that my coach and teammates trust me with the ball at the end of the game," Lin said. "I like having it at the end of the game. I'm just very thankful."

The Knicks' other star player, Carmelo Anthony, is out with a groin injury. He is expected to return by the weekend.

Lin's superb play was rewarded when he was named the Eastern Conference Player of the Week on Monday.

Meanwhile in Taiei the New

York Knicks star, whose parents are Taiwanese, has boosted the island's sport lottery sales by 50 percent since he became a NBA sensation last week, the lotto company said.

Taiwanese fans placed a seasonal record of Tw\$9 million (\$300,000) in bets on Saturday's match in which the Knicks defeated the Minnesota Timberwolves 100-98 for their fifth victory in a row, said the Taiwan Sports Lottery.

Bets on matches featuring Lin grew at least 50 percent with the majority of buyers betting on a Knicks' victory while Saturday's sales were 1.5 times higher than an average NBA match, it said.

The company expected sales to keep growing as Lin's popularity continues.

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Tennis: Wozniacki crashes at first hurdle in Doha



Caroline Wozniacki of Denmark serves

DOHA (AFP) - Caroline Wozniacki, playing her first match since losing her world number one ranking, crashed out of the Qatar Open on Wednesday, squandering three match points in a 4-6, 6-4, 7-6 (7/3) defeat to Lucie Safarova.

There was also misery for defending champion Vera Zvonareva who quit with a hip injury midway through her second round match against Romania's Monica Niculescu.

Czech left-hander Safarova saved three match points in the third set and played a superb tiebreaker to set up a third

round clash with Russian Svetlana Kuznetsova, who defeated compatriot Maria Kirilenko 6-4, 6-4.

Wozniacki, seeded two but now ranked at four in the world, was deposed from the world top spot when she was knocked out of the Australian Open quarter-finals.

"I just want to get out of here (the press conference room). You don't want to stay when you lose a match like that," Wozniacki.

"It's really disappointing but you have to move on," added the Dane, who was run-

ner up twice in Doha -- in the 2010 season-ending championships and last year's Qatar Open.

There were no such problems, however, for newly-crowned world number one and Australian Open champion Victoria Azarenka who cruised into the third round, beating Germany's Mona Barthel 6-1, 6-0.

The Belarussian top seed will now take on Romania's Simona Halep.

Safarova, who is now 2-1 in career clashes with Wozniacki, said: "Unless you win the final point, the match is not over."

"I just wanted to keep fighting. It feels absolutely amazing," added the 25-year-old, who has won four titles on the WTA Tour.

Even the presence of golfer boyfriend Rory McIlroy couldn't inspire Wozniacki as she made several unforced errors on big points to allow Safarova back into the match in the second set.

The Dane also failed to take advantage of three match points in the 10th game of the third.

Buoyed by the let-off, Safarova really turned it on in the tiebreaker, pulling away after the scores were tied 3-3, a lucky net cord giving her a 4-3 lead.

A cracking double-handed backhand passing shot saw the Czech go up 5-3.

Earlier Zvonareva's hip problem came back to haunt her for the second consecutive week when she called it quits after trailing Niculescu.

Niculescu had taken the first set 7-5 and was leading 3-2 in the second when Zvonareva, the sixth seed, decided she couldn't take the

pain anymore.

Last week in Pattaya, Zvonareva quit during her quarter-final match with another Romanian, Sorana Cirstea, who was taking on Australia's Samantha Stosur in Doha later on Wednesday.

Earlier, fourth-seeded Agnieszka Radwanska of Poland thrashed Great Britain's Anne Keothavong 6-1, 6-2, while French fifth seed Marion Bartoli also had it easy, beating Spaniard Anabel Medina Garrigues 6-2, 6-0.

Serb Jelena Jankovic bowed out, falling to Israeli Shahar Peer 7-6 (7/4), 6-2.

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